

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of two (2) Information Disclosure Statements, stated that the papers had been placed of record in the file, and that initialed and dated copies were enclosed. Unfortunately, copies of the Form PTO-1449 were not enclosed with the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner send them a copy of the initialed, signed and dated Form PTO-1449 for the Information Disclosure Statements filed September 7, 2001 and September 12, 2002.

In addition, applicants have amended the application to clarify the specification as requested by the Examiner, and to delete claim 37 and reinstate former claim 23 (now claim 38).

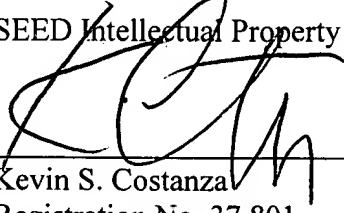
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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